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**Defence Cooperation with France**

The High Committee on Defence Cooperation (HCDC) last met (15th meeting) in Paris, France on 12th January, 2015 to discuss Strategic partnership, military cooperation, Procurement and Research & Technology. HCDC is led by Defence Secretary from the Indian side and is the highest level institutionalized forum between both the countries. Army, Air Force and Navy of both sides also meet annually to discuss and explore military cooperation.

Following Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and Agreements have been signed between both the countries:

- MoU between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of India on supplies of Defence Equipment.
- Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the French Republic on Defence Cooperation.
- Technical Arrangement between the Minister of Defence of the Republic of India and the Minister of Defence of the French Republic concerning co-operation in the field of Guided Weapon Systems and Technology.
- Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the French Republic concerning to the Protection of Classified Information and material in the field of defence.
- MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the French Republic on purchase of Rafale aircraft.

This information was given by Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar in a written reply to ShriRamdas Athawale in Rajya Sabha today.

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